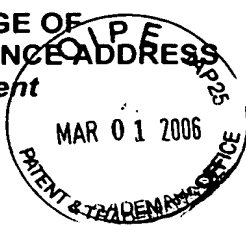


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WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner and in full possession of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

WHEREAS, Ranco Incorporated of Delaware, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), having its principal office and place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1704, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

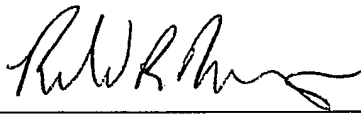
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) and other valuable considerations to Assignor paid by said Assignee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, that may be granted therefor, together with any and all continuations, divisions, or reissues, and Assignor does hereby authorize and request the United States

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue in accordance with this Assignment any and all Letters Patent that may be granted, either on said application or otherwise for said invention.

This Assignment is effective as of April 24, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

Dated: 8/20/03



  
Robert R. Norris

STATE OF Ohio )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Union )

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the City and State aforesaid, personally appeared Robert R. Norris to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the City and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

My Commission Expires: 4/16/08

  
Notary Public  
  
DIANA L. HEWITT  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 04-16-08